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Cc: Stalcup, Dana[Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov]; Irizarry, Gilberto[Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov]; Smith, Terry[Smith.Terry@epa.gov]
From: Lee, Eugene
Sent: Thur 9/17/2015 12:40:46 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd:

I don't think EOC EU would have insight into these questions. Our EU didn't see sampling plans until pretty late in the response.

We processed data packages as they were received.

Seems like a question for folks staffing area command at the time or the R6 REOCS which was activated with an EU and closer to the data.

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On Sep 16, 2015, at 7:58 PM, Woodyard, Josh <Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov> wrote:

Terry Smith who's in the EU. Ccing Terry and Eugene.

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On Sep 16, 2015, at 7:48 PM, Stalcup, Dana <Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov> wrote:

OEM knows most about the sampling....who should this go to?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "StClair, Christie" <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Date: September 16, 2015 at 7:31:55 PM EDT
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Any thoughts on a response - or who might help on this?

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Hi Laura, Melissa-

New Mexico Environment Sec. Ryan Flynn says in his prepared testimony (attached) for tomorrow's House hearing on Gold King spill that EPA officials would not share data on surface water samples, sediment sampling plan.

Can you please respond?

Is Mr Flynn's description of events accurate?

Why was data withheld?

Was only partial data released, as Mr. Flynn says?

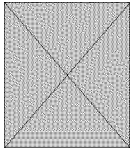
Here is part of the passage in his testimony that I'm referring to:

"EPA repeatedly refused to share data with New Mexico for weeks after the Spill. Some of the data EPA refused to provide included results from surface water samples taken upstream of New Mexico. And when they did share such information, it was summary level data, cherry-picked and presented to create the appearance that Safe Drinking Water Act Maximum Contaminant Levels were not crossed, post event, specifically for lead. EPA also refused to share its sediment sampling plan with New Mexico for over two weeks."

We're hoping to get a response in advance of tomorrow morning's hearing. Please let me know.

Thanks for your time and help-

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